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SPICE PARKS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Spice Board is setting up Spice parks in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the places where these parks are likely to be set up;

(c) the amount proposed to be spent on these parks; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to open these parks in each State to enhance the quality and production of spices?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir. The Government has already approved one Spices Park at Chhindwara in Madhya Pradesh at a total estimated cost of Rs.995 lakh and 6 other such facilities have been proposed during XIth plan period with a financial outlay of Rs.62.32 crore. These parks are proposed in Idukki district in Kerala, Erode/Shivaganga in Tamil Nadu, Guntur in Andhra Pradesh, one in Uttar Pradesh, Jhalawar district in Rajasthan and Mehsana district in Gujarat.

(d) : Extension of this scheme to the other States will depend on the performance of the proposed parks.